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SEA TO SKY GONDOLA BRINGS THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS TO THE SUMMIT

Santa Claus will be in residence daily from December 1-21 for holiday photos, pancake breakfasts, festive forest walks, and crafts

SQUAMISH, BC November 19, 2018 - For the holidays, the summit of the Sea to Sky Gondola transforms into a scene straight out of a snow globe. Swirling snowflakes, festive decorations nestled in evergreens and a warm and cozy lodge decked out as Santa's alpine getaway will have the whole family believing in the spirit of Christmas.

Santa Claus will be in residence at the Summit Lodge daily from December 1 to 21 and families can get their traditional pictures with Santa Claus in a gorgeous alpine setting, as well participate in special, interactive experiences taking place each day including Christmas Forest Walks and crafting magical reindeer treats with the jolly old elf.

Pancake breakfast and photos with Santa are set to take place December 1, 2, 7, 8 and 9 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. With a first-come, first-served system that announces your number when it is your turn for photos, families can wander the Sea to Sky Gondola's winter wonderland at the summit, enjoy pancakes and make crafts while waiting instead of standing in line. Breakfast is \$5 per person, and photos are \$15 for one picture or \$20 for two. An additional pancake breakfast with Santa will also take place on December 15 and 16.

Santa's Schedule: <https://www.seatoskygondola.com/santa-summit>

All through the holiday season, Sea to Sky Gondola guests will be able to explore a trail festively decked out as the Christmas Forest Walk. The whimsically decorated and lit path leads guests through the woods and back to the Summit Lodge where they can warm up with a hot chocolate. Kids can also get cozy with holiday-themed storytimes, with special guest storyteller Squamish Public Library, on Tuesdays and Thursdays, from December 4, through 20 from 10:30 a.m. - 11:15 a.m. at the Summit Lodge.

Winter operations and the Spirit of Christmas holiday events and experiences begin on December 1, 2018. Other snow play activities offered at the summit include snowshoeing and winter walking, snowtubing, as well as a snowshoe and fondue package for \$19.95 per person that departs daily through the winter season at 12:30 p.m. Pre-booking is required.

An annual pass or gift card to the Sea to Sky Gondola is the perfect gift this holiday season especially with the annual pass sale on from now until December 31. The sale price for the adult pass is \$119, (regular \$149) and the family pass is \$299 (regular price \$349). From exceptional ways to celebrate this December to an ever-changing line-up of seasonal celebrations, events, live music, and ways to play outside, gifts of fresh mountain air and experiences at the summit are always welcome and best yet; they are "one size fits all."

LINK: <https://www.seatoskygondola.com/visit/tickets-and-passes>

WINTER OPERATING HOURS

Hours of operation December 1, 2018, to May 17, 2019, are 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and hours of operation on Christmas Eve December 24 and Christmas Day, December 25 are 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. with the last download at 4 p.m.

Adult day tickets are \$41.95 when purchased online or in advance at any Lower Mainland London Drugs location. When purchased day of tickets are \$43.95 at the ticket window. Coming from Vancouver? The Squamish Connector (24 seats) offers roundtrip shuttle service from three downtown Vancouver locations to the Sea to Sky Gondola. Guests can enjoy three hours at the Sea to Sky Gondola before returning to downtown Vancouver by 4 p.m. Learn more:

<https://www.seatoskygondola.com/visit/shuttle>.

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About the Sea to Sky Gondola

The Sea to Sky Gondola is one of British Columbia's newest iconic tourist attractions and is located in Squamish, BC within the unceded traditional territory of the Squamish, Tsleil-Waututh and Musqueam First Nations. The gondola was featured in the New York Times' 52 Places to Go in 2015 list, where they cited the attraction's "unusual combination of West Coast wilderness and accessibility." The gondola is situated between Shannon Falls and the Stawamus Chief and transports guests to the Summit Lodge on a ridge leading towards Mount Habrich. The summit of the Sea to Sky Gondola provides a base camp for further exploration.

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